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SABBATH SERVICES:

Sabbath School, 9:30 A. M.
Church Services, . . 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M.
Y. P. S. C. E., 6:45 P. M.
Prayer Meeting, (Wednesday), . . 7:30 P. M.

RESCUE BAND.

Easter Sunday, when we shall have our next communion service, is approaching rapidly. The pastor wants a large number of volunteers for special work between this and our Easter communion. There are a great many families and friends who can be won for Christ and for our church, if the proper effort is made. The pastor can not do all this work; he must have *helpers*. Almost every member in the church has some friend that is out of Christ and out of the church, and that with a proper effort could be won for the Lord. Now will you not be ready and willing to have the Lord use you for this special work. The pastor wants to inaugurate a special campaign for the Easter work, and he feels that it is the duty of every member to give his assistance. We expect to have special services for one or two weeks prior to Easter Sunday. This will give our people a good opportunity to bring their friends to the services and win them for the church. The pastor will be glad to visit any families that may be designated by our people, with a view of getting them into the church. Let us unite our efforts and prayers for great results in our Easter services.

THE BEE COLONY, the latest and newest thing for the Sabbath School. You should be a bee.

ART SALE and Supper at the church, by the ladies of the first section, Thursday evening, March 4th. Supper, from 6 to 9 P. M., 25 cents.

ATTEND the Inter-denominational Revival Meetings at the Y. M. C. A. building, beginning Monday evening, Feb. 28th. A union meeting for all the churches and all Christians.

A. MERGENTHEIM has removed his Bazaar from the corner of Calhoun and Main streets to 26 Calhoun street. He will be glad to see all his friends in his new quarters.

REV. AND MRS. STRING and son of Bluffton, spent Monday, 7th of February at the parsonage. We had a very pleasant visit from this brother and family. Mrs. String was on her way to her home in Philadelphia where she expects to spend several months. Brother String is meeting with very encouraging success in his work at Bluffton. We hope to have him sometime soon to assist us in some of our services.

THE JUNIORS—This society has grown until we have now over forty members. The last meeting was full of enthusiasm and interest. How these dear little children can stand up and testify for Jesus! Would it not be wisdom on the part of parents to send their children to these services so that they may early in life learn to work for Christ and the church. Is it not far better to have them in the service of God's house than out upon the streets? The next meeting will be held February 27th, 2 P. M.

MARRIED.

Thursday morning, February 3rd, Rev. John H. Rettig was united in marriage to Miss Christine E. Niehoff, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Anna Niehoff, 95 Edgewater street. The groom was recently ordained to the ministry and installed as pastor of the Reformed church in Covington, Ky. He is the son of Rev. John Rettig, superintendent of the Reformed Orphanage, east of the city. Bro. Rettig is a very congenial and promising young man and has already won the esteem and affection of the people of his parish. The bride is a very pleasant and accomplished young lady and

will make a very helpful assistant for the young pastor in his work.

A large number of friends were present to witness the marriage ceremony and to extend their congratulations and good wishes to the groom and bride. After the ceremony the guests were served to an elaborate breakfast. Mr. and Mrs. Rettig took the noon train for their new home, where they arrived in the evening of the same day. Upon their arrival they were tendered a very cordial reception by the members of their church, and they found the parsonage furnished and ready for occupancy.

We extend hearty congratulations to these young friends and trust they may be happy and helpful to each other in their work.

\$1,000.

The church has decided to raise \$1,000, to pay on the church loan, and arrearages on current expenses. This amount, with former subscriptions that will be paid, will enable us to pay about \$1,000 on the loan. A proposition has been made by several members of the church, that they would be ready to give \$100 apiece, if five or six \$100 subscriptions could be secured. Four of these subscriptions have already been secured. Now we need one more to make the five. There are others in the church who can, and we believe will give \$100 apiece after they have had a full opportunity of thinking and praying over the matter. Then we hope to find others who will give \$50 and \$25 apiece. Every member of the church will be solicited, and in order to raise \$1,000, all will have to do something, and all should do all they can. If we can raise more than the \$1,000, so much the better. Let us all feel that it is a great privilege and pleasure to give to the Lord for his church. And then let us re-

member too, that if we hope that the Lord shall keep us and help us, we must be faithful stewards of His. He gives to us in proportion as we are honest with Him, and trust Him with our talents and means. Let each member of the church see how great things we can do for the Blessed Lord, who Himself did so much for us. Surely we can never pay the debt we owe Him. How much happier we feel, and how much more reconciled to meet Him at any time that He may call us, if we have been cheerful and liberal in our service, and in our giving to Him. Let the Lord always decide for us how much we should give to Him. This must be the Christian's rule by which his giving must be measured. Not my will, O Lord, but Thy will be done. It may seem an easy matter for us now to put the Lord off with a mere pittance of our time or our means; but there will come a day, when the Lord shall return to reckon with His servants, and when He will demand a full account of all the talents He has entrusted to our keeping. The coming of the Lord may be expected any day. Let us be faithful to Him and ready for His coming at any time.

ART SALE AND SUPPER.

The ladies of the First section of the church will give a social on Thursday evening, March 4th, in the lecture rooms of the church. They will serve a full supper as will be seen from the menu we give below, and give an entertainment and also have a sale of pictures. The ladies are hoping for a very pleasant and profitable social and we are certain they will do everything in their power to please every person. They should have the patronage of every family in the church and the friends of the church. It does not seem right for our ladies to go to the pains and labor of making all the pre-

parations to serve a first class supper and give an entertainment and then have only a small portion of the members of the church give them their patronage. It is scarcely a reasonable excuse for some of the people to say they cannot afford to come to these socials, when we know they can afford to spend so much money to go to entertainments elsewhere. The church to which we have the privilege of belonging should always have the preference and our first patronage. We hope our ladies of the First section will have a full attendance at their supper and entertainment March 4. They will serve supper from 6:00 to 9:00 p. m.

MENU.

Cold Ham.	Pressed Veal.
	Potato Salad.
Cold Slaw.	Saratoga Chips.
	Pickles. Jelly.
Vanilla Ice Cream.	Cakes.
	Coffee.

COMMITTEES.

Kitchen—Mrs. John Bottger, chairman; Mesdames Jacob Rudisil, Frank Cour, John Beighler, Franklin Seeger, Ella Majors, W. H. Friend, Freda Schaaf, Mary Lewis, Bell Richard.

Tables—Mesdames, Jacob Hetrick, R. Druckenbrod, W. Mitchel, S. Frederick, J. Frederick, F. Burnett, Lewis Martin, Anna Tarman, Phillip Wick. Misses Ida Kirkham, Mary Rudisil, Jennie Riley, Clara Perry.

Cakes and Bread—Mrs. Rachel Wells, Mrs. John Waters and Mrs. Ed. Grosjean.

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Art Sale—Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer, Mrs. Mabel Clayton, Miss Lizzie Rudisil.

Cashier—Miss Libbie Felker.

Tickets for the supper can be had from Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer, they are 25 cents.

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THE LADIES SOCIETY will have its monthly meeting, Thursday afternoon, March 4th. The ladies can attend this meeting in the afternoon and remain for supper and entertainment in the evening.

THERE will be fifty beautiful pictures for sale by the ladies at the Art Sale, on Thursday evening, March 4th. They will range in prices from 25 cents upwards. Some of the finest will be sold at auction. Come to the sale.

THE BEE COLONY.

The children always like something new, and we are always anxious to find, or invent some new plans of work for them. We have had a great many novel and helpful plans for the children by which they could raise money for the church. We have something now that is entirely new for the Easter season. The plan is to form a Bee Colony, and to furnish all the children and young people who join the colony with a *Bee Hive*, in which they can gather their pennies, nickels and dimes for the Easter offering. We expect to have not less than one hundred and fifty bees in this colony by the first of March, when they will begin their work. Every one who will reach the dollar mark, (one hundred pennies,) will get a prize. The one who will collect the largest amount of pennies will get for a special reward a small Bible. The hives may not be large enough to hold a hundred pennies; they will hold

a dollar if a good portion is in nickels and dimes. But we will provide for cases of emergency. There will be a large hive at the parsonage, where the bees can come and unload their pennies when their hives are full, and receive credit for the amounts they have stored in the large hive. The plan now is to have an entertainment by the Sunday School, on Easter Monday evening, April 11th. This we will call *Swarming Time*. Then all the bees are to turn out and bring in their hives. This will be the night for the children. On Sunday, February 27th, and Sunday, March 6th, every person will have an opportunity of joining the Bee Colony. We should be glad to find that we have placed our estimate entirely too low, and that in place of having one hundred and fifty join the colony, there shall be two hundred or more. Children, young people, teachers, parents and all are invited to join the Bees.

DEATH.

Richard Kochel died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. N. Ainsworth, 76 Wells street, Friday morning, January 18th. He was aged 66 years, 5 months and 2 days. Mr. Kochel was one of the pioneers of Allen County. He came to this state some forty years ago, and located in the Northwestern part of the county, about twelve miles from Fort Wayne. For some ten or twelve years he has been employed in the city. He had a great many very warm friends, and was highly respected by all who knew him. The funeral services were conducted by the pastor, at the Baptist church, near Heller's Corners, on Sabbath afternoon, Jan. 30th. He leaves to mourn his death, his only daughter, Mrs. Ainsworth, her husband and grand-daughter. May the Lord comfort these friends in their bereavement and sorrow.

SABBATH SCHOOL ITEMS—The School has never had such punctual attendance, good deportment and lesson preparation as at present, and since the introduction of our present system of grading. We are more than pleased with this spirit of activity in the Sabbath School.

JOIN the Bees, get a hive and fill it with pennies, nickels and dimes. Get ready for swarming time, Easter Monday evening, April 11th.

WE are getting toward the close of the first quarter. How many scholars will have their names on the roll of honor at the close of the quarter.

ABOUT fifteen children have been promoted from the Infant Department to the main room. It is now our desire and purpose to fill up these vacancies. Parents will you not give us your assistance? Send the little "tots" in and we will take care of them. All children four years old and over should be in the school.

THE following classes in the Sunday School had the largest collections during the month of January:

January 2, Young Men's Class.....	\$.90
January 9, Primary Class.....	.78
January 16, L. W. Hills Class.....	1.32
January 23, Young Men's Class.....	.35
January 30, Young Men's Class.....	.60

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AND GOLDEN TEXTS.

Mar. 6—Jesus and the Sabbath. Matt. 12, 1-13. Golden Text, Matt. 12, 8.

Mar. 13—The Wheat and the Tares. Matt. 13, 24-30, 36-43. Golden Text, Matt. 13, 37.

Mar. 20—John the Baptist Beheaded. Matt. 14, 1-12. Golden Text, Prov. 4, 23.

Mar. 27—Review. Golden Text, Matt. 16, 16.

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PRAYER MEETING TOPICS AND
 AND LEADERS.

Mar. 6—What is a Profitable Sabbath?
 Ex. 20, 8-11; Isa. 58, 5-7, 13, 14. Walter
 Close.

Mar. 13—Our Vows. Matt. 25, 14-30. Liz-
 zie Rudisill.

Mar. 20—The Evil of Intemperance. Prov.
 23, 20, 21, 29-35; Luke 21, 34-36. Mrs.
 Zartman.

Mar. 27—Lord's Unfailing Promise. Ps.
 91, 1-16. Ernest Close.

THE young people had a splendid program
 for their entertainment at the Valentine
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